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Biography of Design Team and Contractor

Jim A. Baker, ASID

Jim is a professional member of ASID (American Society of Interior Designers), having served as the Indiana Chapter president in 1970 and 1971, and again in 1999-2000. Jim established J. Baker Interiors, a full-service design firm in 1953. The firm specializes in comfortable, timeless designs for residential and commercial clientele. J. Baker Interiors is located in Carmel, Indiana.

Robert Bennett

Founded in 1999, Bly Bennett Inc., a residential general contracting company in the Indianapolis area, is owned and operated by Robert Bennett. Bly Bennett's work includes a high concentration of projects in Indianapolis' Meridian-Kessler area and large-scale renovations in surrounding neighborhoods. The company specializes in creating seamless additions to match any style house, whether classic Tudor or a more simplistic modern style.

James T. Ruthenburg, Allied Member ASID

Tay is the owner of Evaline Karges Interiors, Inc., located in Evansville, Indiana. Evaline Karges Interiors, Inc. is a 50-year-old interior design firm that specializes in residential, executive and corporate interior design. Tay attended the New York School of Interior Design and has been affiliated with the firm since 1974.

Patrick J. Schmidt, ASID

Patrick is a professional member of ASID, having served as the Indiana Chapter president from 2004 - 2005 and is NCIDQ (National Council for Interior Design Qualifications) certified. Patrick is a senior designer with J. Baker Interiors with more than 20 years experience practicing residential and commercial design.

Dale Walton

Walton & Vetur, Inc. was formed in 1983, combining the talents of Dale Walton, landscape architect, and Brad Vetur, landscape construction superintendent, into a design-build firm. They offer design, all forms of landscape construction, installation of plantings and maintenance. The firm is located in Indianapolis, Indiana, and operates a separate tree nursery near Shelbyville, Indiana.

Deanna Whetstone

Deanna is the owner of Whetstone & Associates. A 10-year-old firm located in Brownsburg, Indiana, Whetstone & Associates specializes in residential interior design. Deanna's 14 years of experience have been featured in Indianapolis Monthly's Dream Home and several Home-A-Ramas.